

Mobile computing devices, smart phones and tablet computers, are important tools and we support their use to achieve our business goals. However, mobile devices can also represent a significant risk to sensitive data if appropriate controls are not applied. To address these issues NOAA chartered a team from across the line and staff offices to create a workable solution that allows for the use of modern mobile technology. The output of this effort was this guidance letter and the attached NOAA Mobile Device Policy and the NOAA Mobile Device Rules of Behavior. Implementation of the NOAA Mobile Use Policy will be consistent with NOAA's collective bargaining agreements and the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute.

Managing mobile devices from the UMS is a new capability for NOAA, and it is anticipated that the solution will be implemented in phases. For the current phase of this implementation, access is only authorized to:

1. UMS applications including
  - a. mail
  - b. calendar
  - c. contacts
  - d. NOAA Google Docs

Government data exclusively through an official web portal and do not otherwise store or retain government data on the device.

NOAA will initially support only the following government furnished devices:

1. iPhone versions 4 and above with iOS 5 and above
2. iPad 2 and above with iOS 5 and above
3. Conventional cellular phones

The acquisition of devices will be the same as with existing cellular phone devices purchases.

The [UMS Home Page](#) will be updated with links to the attached policy as well as step by step procedures for connecting your approved device to the UMS. Changes to the list of authorized devices and or systems which may be accessed will be communicated by the NOAA CIO.